

HOUSE RESOLUTION 135
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rev. Greg Kelly for receiving the 1997 Small Church Pastor of the Year Award and for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those people who through their professional endeavors have proven themselves to be a credit to their state and community; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Rev. Greg Kelly, pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church for five years, who received the 1997 Small Church Pastor of the Year Award at the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, selected from hundreds of other pastors who serve meritoriously at small churches, he was recognized at the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, a small church is one that has fewer than 100 members in Sunday School and fewer than 100 people in Sunday Worship Service; of the 3,006 Southern Baptist Churches in Tennessee, 75 percent are classified as a small church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Kelly's church takes every opportunity to love the Lord and capitalizes on many ministerial opportunities; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Kelly exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Kelly is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Julia Kelly and father, Reverend Charles Kelly, pastor of Clymersville Baptist Church who received this same prestigious award last year; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Reverend Greg Kelly for his dedication to the Lakeview Baptist Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby recognize and commend Reverend Greg Kelly for his meritorious service to God and the community of Harriman, salute his expertise and dedication to the congregation of the Lakeview Baptist Church and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we congratulate him on his much deserved receipt of the 1997 Small Church Pastor of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.